

## REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 13 and 14 have been amended to place these claims in better condition for examination. Support for new Claims 15-17 is found in the disclosure on pages 40-42 and 288-289. Support for new composition Claims 18-20 is found on pages 41-42 of the specification. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added. Applicants now respectfully request an early examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 13 and 14 as follows:

--13. (Amended) A method for treating a disease treatable based on a blood sugar level-depressing activity or a disease treatable based on a cGMP-PDE inhibiting activity, smooth muscle relaxing activity, bronchodilating activity, vasodilating activity, smooth muscle cell suppressing activity or antiallergic activity, comprising:

administering an effective amount [by the use] of the sulfonamide compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a subject in need thereof.

14. (Amended) A method for producing a therapeutic agent comprising admixing the sulfonamide compound of claim 1 with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier [use of the sulfonamide compound of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the production of a therapeutic agent or a disease treatable based on a blood sugar level-depressing activity, or a disease treatable based on a cGMP-PDE inhibiting activity, smooth muscle relaxing activity, bronchodilating activity, vasodilating activity, smooth muscle cell suppressing activity or antiallergic activity].--

--Claims 15-20 (New).--

